

PRYOR TALKERS RE
U.S. ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT IN
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

- Just wanted to follow up on our phone conversation from mid-January, and my letter of January 30, about the U.S. Attorney appointment in Little Rock.
- When we last talked, you were not sure whether you would, or would not, support the confirmation of Tim Griffin. I'm told that in your testimony last week before the Senate Judiciary you indicated that you would not support his confirmation, but that you were going to talk to me.
- Have you made up your mind on whether you can support Griffin's confirmation?

If Pryor says that he supports Griffin's NOMINATION, but is undecided on whether to support his CONFIRMATION

- As I have said to you before, the Administration is committed to having a Senate-confirmed U.S. Attorney for every federal district. Therefore, whether you will commit to support Griffin's confirmation is very important to me.
- So let me ask again: Will you support Griffin's confirmation?

If Pryor says that he will support Griffin's nomination:

- Great. Thank you for supporting Griffin's confirmation. I am confident that he has good experience as a federal prosecutor and as a military prosecutor and will do a good job as the Senate-confirmed U.S. Attorney.
- I will send you a letter today, memorializing this conversation and your commitment to support Griffin's confirmation.

If Pryor says that he will NOT support Griffin's nomination:

- I'm disappointed, but as I said to you before, the Administration is committed to having a Senate-confirmed U.S. Attorney for every federal district.
- Accordingly, we will work with Congressman Boozman (our Republican "lead" in Arkansas) and ask him to recommend three or four candidates – Republican lawyers who are from Arkansas and who have prosecution experience – that we can consider for appointment to be U.S. Attorney.
- If there are any candidates that you think we should consider, please let me know.

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